

State Board of Psychological Examiners

Open Minutes October 7, 2002

The general meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D.
Margery B. Manheim, Ph.D.
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Carol Harper MA., RN, Public Member

ABSENT:

Kenneth A. Leight, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Mark Glat, Psy.D., Secretary
Jeffry H. Tindall, Ph.D.
Keith D. Cicerone, Ph.D.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Paul C. Brush, Executive Director
Marilyn Bair, D.A.G., Counsel to Board
Wanda Y. Ginn, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director

MINUTE:

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the minutes of June 3, 2002, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board voted to go into closed session for discuss of the oral examinations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board determined that the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Robert Rodgers, Ph.D.

Nicholas Lamberti, Psy.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidates were issued three-year temporary permits for the supervised practice of psychology:

Kevin Enright, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT-NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

The following candidates were issued one-year temporary permits for the unsupervised practice of psychology:

Colleen Dorfman, Ph.D.

Kathleen Reidy, Ph.D.

Lisa Brown, Psy.D.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Linda Welsh, Ph.D.

Dr. Welsh wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Welsh stated that when she received notification in the mail that she passed the written portion of the examination, she was out of state. Dr. Welsh is requesting that her 90-day period for submission begin on September 1, 2002, thus allowing her to submit her work sample on November 30, 2002.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to extend the 90-day submission permit until November 30, 2002. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Eric Umile, Psy.D.

Dr. Umile wrote requesting that the Board accept his work sample for the oral examination even though the last date of psychological service is a few weeks older than the Board's one-year submission requirement.

Upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted not to accept Dr. Umile's work sample pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42.51.(b) of the regulations which states that "current" work sample is defined to mean a work sample either in progress for completed no more than one year prior to its submission. Additionally, Dr. Umile was advised that he must submit a new work sample in order to take the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Fannie Gordon, Ed.D.

Dr. Gordon provided the Board with additional information with regards to the number of clients she was seeing and when she expected to take the E.P.P.P. written exam. The Board reviewed Dr. Gordon's submitted responses and was satisfied. The Board determined that no further action was required.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Harper, the Board voted to extend Dr. Gordon's temporary permit until April 30, 2003. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Nomita Sonty, Ph.D.

Dr. Sonty wrote regarding her application for licensure to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Sonty wanted to confirm her understanding of the Board's regulation N.J.A.C. 13:42-4. Dr. Sonty stated that the

current law stipulates that the earned doctoral degree must be from "an educational institution recognized by the Board" and the institutions recognized by the Board are those that are "regionally and/or nationally accredited."

Dr. Sonty stated that she is in agreement with the law, in that its primary responsibility is to protect the consumer. However, since Dr. Sonty holds a foreign degree, she does not agree with the current law nor the Board in its sweeping discrimination against all foreign graduates in psychology. Dr. Sonty believes it is discriminatory when the Board does not provide a consistent process to determine eligibility for all of its applicants.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to inform Dr. Sonty that it reviewed her letter and deliberated on it and voted to refer her concerns to the regulations committee for consideration. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REPORT ON TEMPORARY PERMIT CONFERENCE HELD ON 10/7/03-ROY

Keith Benoff, Ph.D./David Musar, Ph.D., supervisor (present)

Dr. Benoff failed the July 5, 2002 EPPP written examination and is currently working under supervision on a three-year temporary permit, supervised, issued on November 28, 2000.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board voted to continue Dr. Benoff's temporary permit, without change. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I/M/O Andrew Lester, Ph.D., #1395

Jeffrey Allen, Ph.D. wrote to provide the Board with his fourth monthly report of his supervision of Dr. Lester as required pursuant to the Consent Order filed on April 1, 2002.

I/M/O Marshall Levine, Ph.D., #1139

Dr. Handelman, supervisor for Dr. Levine, wrote to inform the Board he has seen Dr. Levine for supervision on June 25, 2002 and July 30, 2002.

Dr. Handelman stated that he sees Dr. Levine for one hour of face-to-face supervision for every file hours of client contact..

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS

Youth Consultation Service

The Board reviewed an exempt setting application form submitted by Richard Mingoia.

Pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, after review of the additional information provided in the exemption notice form, upon motion made by Dr. Roy and seconded by Dr. Manheim, the Board determined that the Youth Consultation Service is considered an exempt facility. Mr. Mingoia was so advised that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm to the Board annually in January of its continuing status.

APPROVED BY:

Date: Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chairperson

